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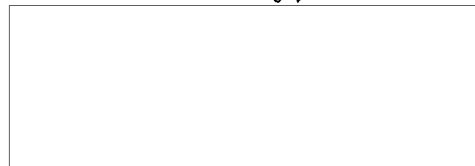
Mr. David S. Addington
Staff Counsel
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Dave:

For your information, the CIA has filed an amended complaint and petition for reconsideration with the FCC on 8 February 1985, asking ABC to investigate the airing of false accusations about CIA activities.

Enclosed please find a copy of said complaint against ABC.

Sincerely,




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CIA FILES PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION WITH FCC

The Central Intelligence Agency on 8 February 1985 filed an amended complaint and petition for reconsideration with the Federal Communications Commission asking it to investigate ABC's airing of false accusations about CIA activities.

The CIA seeks to have the Commission's staff reconsider its decision to dismiss the Agency's earlier complaint against ABC and recommends that the Commission take the modest action of requiring ABC to respond to the CIA's complaint, conduct an appropriate investigation, and grant such further relief as ~~it~~ ^{The FCC} may deem appropriate. The CIA's complaint does not seek "punishment" of ABC, but asks the FCC to enforce basic standards of fairness with respect to ABC's irresponsible broadcasting of false and totally unfounded charges against CIA on controversial issues of public importance.

On its "World News Tonight" broadcasts of 19, 20, and 26 September 1984, ABC charged that CIA was not only engaged in a murder plot against an American businessman, but that it was involved in a number of other illegal activities. Although the CIA fully expected that ABC would conduct an internal investigation and make public the facts regarding this matter, ABC has chosen not to do so. Thus, the viewing public is still unaware that the serious charges

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